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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/069,720	Applicant(s) OGIMOTO, SHINICHI	
	Examiner C. J. Arbes	Art Unit 3729	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 and 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The Patent Office now Speaketh.

Applicant's Response to the Restriction Requirement (which was mailed on or about 14 July 2004 has been reviewed. Applicant's remarks (top of page 2) that the Office does not explain lack of unity of Claim 11 is accurate. Inadvertently the Patent Office failed to indicate that the Group I (Claims 1-9) invention is a combination and Group III i.e. Claim 11 a subcombination thereof and that the combination has a separate utility such as being used to store, merely move the substrates from one place to a second place or the like. Moreover in addition to Group II invention being done by hand Group I invention is separate and distinct from Group II invention inasmuch as in the Group I invention the extension support member does not have to be detachably attached to the substrate support member.

Therefore based on the original Restriction as modified above the Restriction is held to be proper. In view of this holding and in view of Applicant's response thereto the Restriction is hereby and now is **made Final**,

Applicant therefore is required to cancel all non-elected Claims (including Claim 11) or take other appropriate action.

An Office Action on the merits of Claims 1-9 now follows

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shibasaki et al (Pat No 4,202,092) hereinafter Shibasaki et al .

Shibasaki et al teach an apparatus for inserting parts such as resistors, IC chips, connectors and the like into holes of printed circuit boards. Shibasaki et al also teach a substrate carrying device which includes a substrate support member attached to a transfer mechanism wherein the substrate support member includes a connecting part (Cf X1, X2 and X3 and Figure 5 and related disclosure) for connecting the substrate support member to support the substrate (or PcB). The substrate support member 35 in (Figure 5 and and related disclosure) has a peripheral connecting part (Cf. 43).

Shibasaki et al also teach substrate support system which includes a first support part and a second support part movably connected to the first support part so as to support the substrate (or PcB) in cooperation with the first support part (Cf. Fig. 5 and related disclosure).


Claims 3-5, 7 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. J. Arbes whose telephone number is 571-272-4563. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, R and F from 8 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, P. Vo, can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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